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SUBJ: POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE REMOTE SENSING SCREWORM
ERADICATION EXPERIMENT

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1. NASA PROJECT PROPOSAL (SUMMARY REFTEL) PRESENTED BY LETTER UNDER DATE JUNE 28, 1973. ACTION DELAYED BY INSISTENCE GOM UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR LIVESTOCK RETA PETTERSSON, THAT MATTER REQUIRED CONSIDERATION BY FULL COMMISSION. FIRST MEETING THAT BODY HELD OCTOBER 24-25 WITH NASA REP (DR. CHARLES BARNES) INVITED BE PRESENT.

2. BARNES ADVISED EMBASSY OCTOBER 26 THAT COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED PROPOSED SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT AND SIGNED DOCUMENT SO STATING. FYI, UNDERSTANDING IS THAT NO FUNDING BY SCREWORM COMMISSION INVOLVED. END FYI.

3. BARNES HAS COPY OF COMMISSION DOCUMENT AND DRAFT SPACE COMMISSION (CONEE) LETTER TO NASA HDQS. (FRUTKIN) PROPOSING ESTABLISHMENT JOINT NASA/CONEE TECHNICAL LEVEL WORKING GROUP. HE, RETURNING HOUSTON OCTOBER 26, PLANS TO RECOMMEND TO NASA THAT, IN REPLY, US AGENCY PROPOSE MEETING OF WORKING GROUP IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

4. CONACYT REP AT COMMISSION MEETING STATED AFTERWARDS THAT MATTER MUST NOW, IN HIS OPINION, BE REFERRED TO FONSEC, WHERE HE ANTICI-

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PATES NO PROBLEM SINCE IT ALREADY WAS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH

THAT SECRETARIAT.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY PLEASED AT SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME NASA PROPOSAL, AND ENTERTAINS HOPE THIS PROJECT MAY PROVIDE BREAKTHROUGH ON STALEMATED REMOTE SENSING AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION. WE NOTE THAT THIS FIRST REFERENCE TO FONSEC INVOLVEMENT; FONSEC REPS INVITED 6 JUNE MEETINGS, BUT DID NOT ATTEND. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT REMAINING PROCEDURAL STEPS MAY BE COMPLETED EXPEDITIOUSLY SO THAT ACTUAL FIELD WORK MAY BE INITIATED SOONEST. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONEE HAS NO FUNDS IN PRESENT BUDGET EARMARKED FOR THIS OPERATION, BUT THAT SPACE COMMISSION MAY REQUEST CONACYT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PUT GOM CHIEF OF TEST SITE IN FIELD SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH STATIONING OF CONTEMPLATED NASA DEPUTY CHIEF.

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